

## Message Text

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO  
INFO USMISSION GENEVA

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E.O. 11652:N/A

TAGS:ETRD, DR

SUBJECT:TEXTILES

REF: SANTO DOMINGO 7312, STATE 242017

1. AS EMBASSY IS AWARE, GODR OFFICIALS DURING RECENT  
TEXTILE CONSULTATIONS STRESSED POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES IN  
NEGOTIATION OF BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT PRIOR TO MAY  
ELECTIONS. AT THE SAME TIME THEY FORESAW NO SERIOUS  
OBSTACLE TO REACHING AN AGREEMENT AFTER THE ELECTION.

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ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO EXTEND INVITATION TO  
GODR TO SEND A DELEGATION TO WASH., D.C., LATE MAY OR EARLY  
JUNE FOR PURPOSE OF NEGOTIATING TEXTILE TRADE AGREEMENT.  
GODR MAY WANT TO STATE PREFERENCE WITHIN THAT TIME FRAME.  
IF NOT, US TEXTILE DELEGATION SUGGESTS STARTING  
NEGOTIATIONS MONDAY, JUNE 5. MEETINGS WOULD PROBABLY  
REQUIRE ENTIRE WEEK.

2. DURING COURSE OF CONSULTATIONS USG OFFICIALS STRESSED CONCERN OVER CONTINUED RAPID GROWTH IN TEXTILE IMPORTS FROM THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC DURING INTERIM PERIOD UNTIL AGREEMENT CAN BE NEGOTIATED. LATEST DATA AVAILABLE SHOWS

THAT DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TEXTILE EXPORTS TO UNITED STATES INCREASED FURTHER FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER, 1977. THE AGGREGATE WAS UP 5 PERCENT TO 26,207,500 SQUARE YARDS EQUIVALENT (SYE) OVER YEAR ENDING OCTOBER, 1977 FIGURE. SIMILARLY, SHIPMENTS OF MAN-MADE FIBER BRAS WERE UP 6 PERCENT FROM 3,571,768 SYE TO 3,791,226 SYE AND MAN-MADE FIBER WOVEN COATS WERE UP 5 PERCENT FROM 1,209,078 TO 1,273,305 SYE.

3. PLEASE POINT OUT TO GODR THAT APPARENT INCREASES OF SUCH MAGNITUDE STRENGTHEN DOMESTIC PRESSURE FOR USG TO IMPOSE UNILATERAL CONTROLS ON IMPORTS OF THE MOST SENSITIVE TEXTILE PRODUCT OR PRODUCTS FROM THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC UNDER ARTICLE 3 OF THE MULTIFIBER ARRANGEMENT (MFA). CHRISTOPHER

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